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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
United States Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am writing in regards to the settlement reached in the antitrust case between the U.S Government and Microsoft in November of 2001. I am asking you to support the agreement. I do not believe any further measures are necessary.

As you know, the settlement requires Microsoft to promote competition from other computer makers. For example, Microsoft must license its Windows operating system to other computer makers and to grant them rights to configure Windows to meet other system specifications. Furthermore, Microsoft has been required to design further versions of Windows in a manner that would make it easier for competitors to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. It is my opinion that this legislation is sufficient. Microsoft was not dealt with lightly, and I believe that further litigation would be less of a productive and more of a vindictive nature.

I am satisfied that Microsoft has been justly dealt with in the antitrust case. Further litigation would no doubt lead to restrictions and obligations on products and technologies that did not fall within the scope of the case. Microsoft has paid its dues to society; now I ask you to let them get back to business. I appreciate your taking time to consider my views on the issue.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Monk